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S. 466

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for medicaid coverage of all certified nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. INOUYE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ALL CERTIFIED
4 NURSE PRACTITIONER AND CLINICAL NURSE
5 SPECIALIST SERVICES.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1306d(a)) is amended

1 “(21) services furnished by all certified nurse
2 practitioners (as defined by the Secretary) or clinical
3 nurse specialists (as defined in subsection (t)) which
4 the certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse spe-
5 cialist is legally authorized to perform under State
6 law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by
7 State law), whether or not the certified nurse practi-
8 tioner or clinical nurse specialist is under the super-
9 vision of, or associated with, a physician or other
10 health care provider;”;

11 (2) in paragraph (24) by striking the comma at
12 the end; and

13 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (22), (23), and
14 (24) as paragraphs (24), (22), and (23), respec-
15 tively, and by transferring and inserting paragraph
16 (24) after paragraph (23), as so redesignated.

17 (b) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST DEFINED.—Sec-
18 tion 1905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396) is amended by
19 adding at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(t) The term ‘clinical nurse specialist’ means an in-
21 dividual who—

22 “(1) is a registered nurse and is licensed to
23 practice nursing in the State in which the clinical
24 nurse specialist services are performed; and

1 “(2)(A) holds a master’s degree in a defined
2 clinical area of nursing from an accredited edu-
3 cational institution.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall become effective with respect to pay-
6 ments for calendar quarters beginning on or after January
7 1, 1994.

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